

Furosemide (Lasix[®], Salix[®])

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Furosemide (Lasix, Salix, Disal) is a diuretic used in many dogs, cats, and other pets to remove excess fluid from the body. It is used to treat congestive heart failure, some other heart diseases, pulmonary edema (fluid in the lungs), certain kidney diseases, high blood pressure, high potassium levels in the blood (hyperkalemia), ascites (fluid in the abdomen), and certain kinds of tissue edema (swelling). Dosage varies widely depending on condition. Furosemide will cause your pet to urinate more often. Contact your veterinarian if your pet experiences weakness, depression, a change in drinking or urinating, or seizures while being treated with furosemide. People with hypersensitivities (allergies) to sulfa drugs should not handle furosemide, or wear gloves and use extreme caution if they do, since allergic reactions could occur just from contact.

Keep this and all other medications out of the reach of children and pets.

If you think your pet has been poisoned...

Contact your veterinarian or one of the Animal Poison Hotlines (listed below) if you think your pet may have accidentally received or been given an overdose of the medication.

**ASPCA National Animal Poison Control Center

1-888-4ANI-HELP (1-888-426-4435). \$65.00 per case, billed to caller's credit card.

Follow-up calls can be made for no additional charge by dialing 888-299-2973.

There is no charge when the call involves a product covered by the Animal Product Safety Service.

**Pet Poison Helpline - 24-hour service available throughout North America for pet owners and veterinary professionals who require assistance with treating a potentially poisoned pet.

1-800-213-6680 (\$35.00 per incident). Staffed 24-hours a day.